



GREEN ACRES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT AND NONPROFIT GUIDE

Structures

A local government unit or nonprofit may use Green Acres funding to acquire property with structures, under the following conditions:

Use of Structures:

Structures must be used to support the use of an outdoor recreation or conservation facility or area. Prior to acquisition, the local government unit or nonprofit must submit to Green Acres a written description of the proposed use of any structures on the property. The proposed use must comply with N.J.A.C. 7:36-4.4 (Acquisition of Structures by a local government unit) or N.J.A.C. 7:36-15.4 (Acquisition of Structures by a nonprofit) and N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.7 (Construction of Buildings on Funded Parkland; Use of Existing Buildings on Funded Parkland). If such use does not comply, that portion of the property containing the structure(s) may need to be excluded from the area of Green Acres participation.

Inspection for Historic Properties:

The Garden State Preservation Trust Act requires that, within six months of acquisition, the local government unit or nonprofit shall inspect any structures on the property to determine if they are or may be historic properties.

Within sixty days of this inspection, the local government unit or nonprofit shall provide a written notice of its findings to Green Acres and to the Department's Historic Preservation Office (at PO Box 404, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0404). If any structure is identified as a possible historic property, this written notice must include a request for determination of potential eligibility for inclusion of the structure in the New Jersey Register of Historic Places. When a potentially historic property is identified, a copy of the written notice must also be sent to the New Jersey Historic Trust and to the county historical commission or advisory committee, the county historical society, the local historic preservation commission or advisory committee, and the local historical society, if those entities exist in the municipality/county in which the project site is located.

Demolition of Structures

If a local government unit or nonprofit wishes to demolish a structure, it must first obtain written approval from the Green Acres Program. Demolition may be subject to N.J.A.C. 7:36-25.6 (Change in Purpose or Use of Funded or Unfunded Parkland).

Your Green Acres representative can provide additional guidance regarding the acquisition and use of structures.